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H0001129 CONF. NO.: 2636

In re application of: Bruce A. Seiber

Serial No.: 09/864,990

GROUP ART UNIT: 2828

Filed: May 24, 2001

EXAMINER: P. Nguyen

For: ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCREASING SPUTTER LIFE IN GAS DISCHARGE TUBES

RESPONSE TO AUGUST 9, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*26	MINUS	*26*		() X 9.00 () X 18.00	\$.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	3	X 0	() X 44.00 () X 88.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$150.00 () \$300.00 ONE TIME	\$.00
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$.00

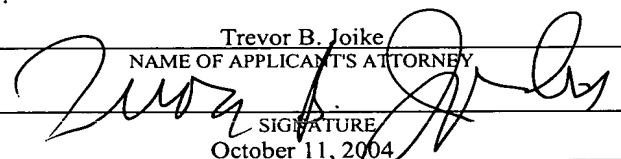
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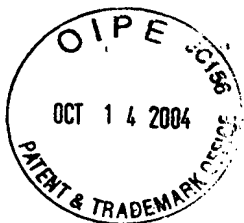
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 - ☐ A check in the amount of \$ ____ are attached.
 - ☐ A check for \$ ____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
 - ☐ A check for \$ ____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
 - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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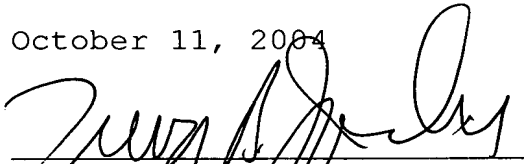
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INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-26 remain in the application. Claims
15-26 are allowed. Claims 3-7 and 10-14 are objected to
as being dependent on a rejected claim but are otherwise
considered to be allowable. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are
rejected.